

not doing as much as we should in that way, and therefore, made the request that each one take it to the Lord in prayer.

As a result, the total amount of the weekly offerings have been greatly increased. Another thing; Take God's plan in regard to finances and it will do away with all questionable methods of obtaining money to carry on the work of the church. I hope the time will come by and by when this part of the truth of the Word of God will be universally observed by us. It would be no trouble then to raise money to support missions, colleges, etc. Let us insist upon the weekly offering, even tho it be w e a k-l y at first. Keep on insisting that something be laid aside at the beginning of each week, be it much or little, and once the habit is formed it will be much easier. Brother, don't boast of "gospel alone" doctrine while this is left out. I know of other churches that make the same claim of teaching and obeying the whole gospel and yet refuse to practice this, even claiming that it is wrong to receive the weekly offering from the congregation. What think ye?

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Chicago Mission

Our every night meetings are good, and promising of blessing. Perhaps the greatest blessing to a mission in a big wicked city, will be the consecration of the membership, and their thorough understanding of the mind of their Master. Our Bible studies are very helpful, and appreciated. Also there are some drawn near the kingdom, and oh, how *hard* Satan is fighting to keep them out. Pray for them. Sometimes it is wicked husbands, sometimes wicked wives, other times it is wicked chums, and oh, the accursed saloon.

Recently there has been a spasmodic attempt to force the saloons to close at midnight, in conformity to the law, and also to close those awful wicked "dives" in the basements and back rooms of the saloons. But alas, when one is closed, the brewers who own nearly all the saloons, just discharge the man hired to run it, and open up again in some other man's name. Who owns the lowest type of the saloons in the city? Recent investigation proves that the big brewers' and distillers' associations, own nearly all the saloons. Who are the brewers and distillers? The men who own the millions of dollars of stocks and bonds of the brewers' and distillers' associations. Some of them are banking houses whose presidents and officers are prominent members of the popular churches. Many of them are capitalists, who hold the stocks and bonds of the associations as collateral securities for loans used as working capital. Alas, the "love of money is indeed the root of all evil." That awful Octopus, with its manifold tentacles have our city in its foul grip; slimy with the erosions of an unspeakable immorality; defiled with the blood of a hundred thousand innocent wives and children, the chief source of the down-fall of thousands of girls every year, who take their first step in sin, in those

wine rooms, labeled on the outside as "Ladies entrances." I now have in mind two young ladies, who in the last two months have entered that threshold, that leads down, O, so low; none but those who have been rescued from that "*Gehena*" of torture of soul, body and mind, can know, and none can ever tell. PRAY; PREACH the GOSPEL; work that the Gospel of Jesus may reach those "*Magdalenes*." Some of them may yet be "Saints" and break the "A'abaster box" of love on a merciful Savior.

Last Sunday, our Sunday school attendance numbered fifty four, several being sick at home. Our Bible class now numbers fourteen, and interest growing. Collections since the beginning of the new year have run over a dollar each Sunday.

There is still much sickness, and we are kept very busy. We can use more clothing very profitably among the poor. I called on a family last week, to invite them to services; the woman seemed pleased and when I spoke to her husband, he answered "I am a Catholic." That is considered by them sufficient reason for not coming. But Sunday I saw him going to the saloon with a pail for beer. May the Lord by His almighty power send help. Nothing but the power of God can avail. We are gaining. Pray for us. I wish to thank the many who write me encouraging letters, and send us substantial help. May the Lord inspire His people with His spirit.

We can use clothing for poor children to good advantage, as since the very cold weather set in, many calls are being made on us by poor who are worthy. One family was burned out and lost nearly everything; they have several small children. Any of our friends who have children's clothing that has been outgrown, and wish to do good work, may here find a profitable field, and God who is peculiarly the friend of the poor and the widows, will richly reward you. Children ranging from babes to 14 years old.

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Among the Churches

Pittsburg, Pa.

Some time has elapsed since our last report to the EVANGELIST. Our work here is progressing nicely. The Lord willing, we will begin our revival work by the 1st of February.

Last Wednesday eve, January 23, was the eleventh anniversary of the First Brethren church of Pittsburg. Our pastor said as he had not been with us since the organization, he would talk with us about the future instead of the past, and of the essential features which go to make up the successful church. His remarks were greatly appreciated by all and I am sure every one present felt as tho we would try to make this year the very best one yet. Brother Darling has been with us as our pastor for three years and by a unanimous vote at our January business meeting he was called to shepherd us for another year. Our associations with him in the past have been the most pleasant, and we hope to enjoy those associations for many years more.

Brother Wise, who in the past has served us as pastor spoke a few very encouraging remarks. He

impressed upon us very forcibly the importance of "Loyalty to Our Church." At the close of his remarks he presented to Brother Darling a small donation as a token of appreciation of his members and friends. Some of the older members gave a few experiences and it seemed to be the wish of all that at the close of the next eleven years we would be able to see the second, if not the third Brethren church in Pittsburg. On account of revival work elsewhere brother D. J. Bole was unable to be with us which we all regreted very much.

Our Bible school is doing well. It keeps up both numerically and financially.

Our Y. P. S. C. E. and Ladies' Aid Society are also alive and working. Our Young People's Society have covered the floor of the basement with matting and are going to hold a musical and literary entertainment Jan. 31, to pay for it. We hope this may not be the last help we will be able to lend the church. We want to encourage our young people, as our pastor said to us, if we fail to interest our young folks there will be no future Brethren church. Altho we have a beautiful structure now to worship in, it is as yet not entirely our own, but with our united effort and that of our Brethren of other places we will be able before many years to say, "Our church is clear."

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Maple Grove, Ind.

We accepted an invitation from this church to hold them a series of three weeks' meeting, beginning Jan. 14, so we came and have now been here a little over one week. The attendance has been very good, and the interest is splendid. The results up to Tuesday night, the 22, three accessions with good prospects for more, and I think a splendid feeling in the entire church. Pray for the success of this meeting. The meeting will be reported at its close.

M. S. WHITE.

Buckeye City, Ohio

This church is still alive and active. A splendid Christmas entertainment was given on Christmas night. Everything passed off pleasantly. The pastor was presented with a beautiful rocking chair, which no doubt meant, that he was to take the world more easy. Mrs. Kimmel was also kindly remembered, all of which augmented our joy, not so much on account of the value of the gifts but because of the motive of the donors. May God richly bless these kind people.

Ankneytown revival closed with nine additions by baptism. The work was not all done, for the meeting closed too soon, but a good revival meeting awaits the man who will follow me at this place.

January 20, we begin a revival at North Liberty and ask the prayers of the church in behalf of this meeting.

J. L. KIMMEL.

Salisbury, Pa.

Just closed a two weeks meeting. Dark, stormy nights with much "Grip," yet we rejoice that our efforts resulted in two being added to the church by relation and one convert, yet to be baptized. These two are heads of families and add much to the strength of the church. While our meetings ought to have continued longer and perhaps not as much accomplished as we should like to have seen, yet we believe the church was greatly blessed in that we became better acquainted with each other and that we saw more clearly our duty as active workers in the church. Good and lasting impressions were made and we believe later, we shall see the deeper fruits of our labor. That the church is at peace and working harmoniously, was clearly shown by the larger attendance of the membership at our lovefeast at the close of our series of meetings. Many, owing to sickness were not with us. It was one of the most spiritual, brotherly good-feeling, lovefeasts we have ever enjoyed. Marked evidences of growth all along the lines. Increased attendance in S. S. from the members of the church. Brother Beachy was unanimously reelected